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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department/Agency Heads; Fiscal Officers
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FROM: Jerry Luke LeBlanc
Commissioner of Administration

DATE: October 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Executive Order KBB 2005-38 and Hurricane Rita

Executive Order KBB 2005-38, which imposes a hiring and spending freeze for the Executive Branch of Louisiana state government, was issued in response to Hurricane Katrina's catastrophic impact. Hurricane Rita, which followed on the heels of Hurricane Katrina, strengthened the need to exercise prudent, proactive management of state fiscal resources. Thus, the freezes initiated because of Hurricane Katrina remain in place and continue to restrict post-Katrina hiring and spending.

However, Hurricane Rita not only exacerbated the affects of Hurricane Katrina, but created additional recovery and rebuilding needs.

Section 5A of Executive Order KBB 2005-38 authorizes the commissioner of administration to grant exemptions, on a case-by-case basis or by category, from all or a part of the prohibitions set forth in the executive order, as necessary and appropriate.

Consistent with this authority, an exemption from the prohibitions set forth in Section 2 of the Executive Order KBB 2005-38, all budget activities directly related to Hurricane Rita recovery and rebuilding efforts are hereby exempt from the prohibitions set forth in Section 2 of Executive Order KBB 2005-38.

Should you have further questions, please contact your OPB budget analyst.

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